



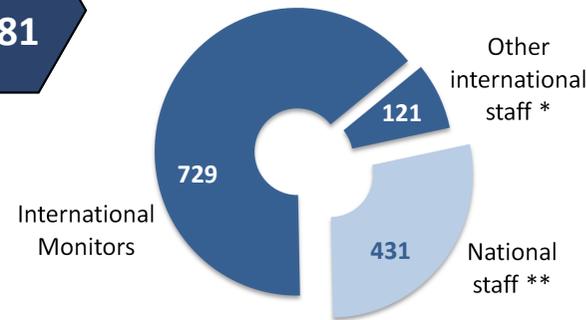
An SMM monitoring officer monitoring the mutual release and exchange of detainees near Maiorsk (Nermin Osmanovic/OSCE)

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 6 and 19 April, the SMM recorded about 7,200 ceasefire violations, including about 1,500 explosions. This compares with about 8,700 and 2,700, respectively, in the previous two-week period.
- The SMM observed mines on both sides of the contact line, including an anti-vehicle mine (TM-83) near a road between Styła and Petrivske, and 46 anti-tank mines near Popasna.
- The Mission confirmed one civilian casualty – a 25-year-old woman killed in shelling in Shyroka Balka on 9 April – bringing the total since the beginning of 2020 to 29 (five fatalities and 24 injuries).
- The Mission continued to register ceasefire violations inside the Petrivske disengagement area, and, for the first time since 3 October 2019, it registered ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska: two on 8 April. Inside the disengagement areas near Petrivske and Zolote, SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) spotted people near or inside former positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the armed formations.
- The SMM continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to, and construction and maintenance of, critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line. This includes repairs to water infrastructure in Zaitseve, Krasnyi Lyman and Horlivka, and the construction of a power line near Maiorsk.
- On 13 April, while monitoring adherence to a localized ceasefire to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station, an SMM patrol in Yasynuvata came under fire, with bullets or pieces of shrapnel flying overhead and three rounds from undetermined weapons impacting nearby (see [Spot Report 12/2020](#)).
- Members of the armed formations continued to deny the SMM passage at checkpoints along official crossing routes in Donetsk and Luhansk regions (see [Spot Report 9/2020](#), [Spot Report 10/2020](#), [Spot Report 11/2020](#), [Spot Report 13/2020](#) and [Spot Report 14/2020](#)). In total, the Mission's freedom of movement on the ground was restricted 50 times (all in areas not controlled by the Government). SMM UAVs were subjected to signal interference on both sides of the contact line on 26 occasions, and were targeted by small-arms fire three times (once in government- and twice in non-government-controlled areas).
- On 16 April, the SMM monitored the mutual release and exchange of detainees at the entry-exit checkpoint near Maiorsk and at the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations in Horlivka, and across the bridge in Shchastia.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

**TOTAL**  
1,281

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 20 April 2020



\* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, two Deputy Chief Monitors, advisors, analysts, etc.  
\*\* National staff includes assistants, advisors and administrative personnel.

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 750 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 44 OSCE participating States.

### What we do

- Report the facts as we observe and establish them;
- Gather information and report on the security situation;
- Report on the humanitarian situation and people's needs, and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid of other organizations;
- Help to establish dialogue and local ceasefires.

### Important to understand:

- It is up to the sides to stop the fighting;
- We do not conduct investigations, but report on facts;
- We do not deliver but facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid.

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	6	Kyrgyzstan	23
Armenia	2	Latvia	7
Austria	7	Lithuania	1
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	41
Belarus	5	Mongolia	1
Belgium	2	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	46	North Macedonia	25
Canada	25	Norway	8
Croatia	10	Poland	32
Czech Republic	11	Romania	28
Denmark	8	Russian Federation	41
Estonia	3	Serbia	15
Finland	22	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
Georgia	20	Spain	10
Germany	32	Sweden	14
Greece	21	Switzerland	5
Hungary	19	Tajikistan	12
Ireland	7	Turkey	10
Italy	19	United Kingdom	46
Kazakhstan	5	United States	54
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>729</b>
Male	595	Female	134